(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Sri Lanka and the US have an ongoing programme of cooperation between the defence establishments of the two countries which includes courses in defence institutions, visit of experts and Joint exercises on lines similar to what exists between the US and other countries in our region.

(b) and (c). The Government closely monitor all development which have a bearing on India's security interests.

Snow Removed by BRO

3357. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of snow (cu meters) removed by the Boader Road Organisation (BRO) from the Zojila, Rohtang, Baralacha, Taklang, Khardong and Changla passes separately during the last three years, year-wise and total expenditure incurred each year separately for snow clearance operations on the above passes;

(b) whether proposal to construct a tunnel through Rothang Pass is under consideration of the Government;

(c) if so, the total expenditure likely to be incurred on the tunnel on Rohtang Pass;

(d) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey to construct tunnels through Zojila and Khardong passes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The details of snow clearance and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years from 1993-94 to 1995-96 are given in the enclosed statement.

(b) There is a proposal to construct a tunnel across Rohtang pass. M/s RITES are presently engaged in conducting a feasibility study in this connection.

(c) The cost of construction of Rohtang tunnel will be known only after the feasibility study is completed. However, as on March, 1994, the tentative cost of construction was estimated at Rs.351 crores.

(d) and (e). There is at present no proposal to conduct survey for construction of Tunnels across Zojila and Khardungla passes.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Snow Clearance and Expenditure Incurred from years 1993-94 to 1995-96

S. No.	Name of Pass	Snow cleared (CU metres)			Total	Expenditured incurred (Rs. in lacs)			Total
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	
1.	Zojila	2130863	2014361	1381052	5526276	21.15	21.15	21.15	63.45
2.	Rohtang	2504755	2440673	2185437	7130865	41.50	41.50	41.50	124.50
3.	Barlachala	136508	140332	137236	414076	2.18	2.18	2.18	6.54
4.	Taklang	124506	120380	121580	366466	20.61	20.61	20.61	61.83
5.	Khardong	3036890	3186394	3280306	9503590	47.13	47.13	47.13	141.39
6.	Changla	1514832	1631465	1539865	4686162	24.70	24.70	24.70	74.10

Bridges in Goa

3358. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to complete the bridges on the Talpona and Galgibaga rivers along National Highway-17 in Goa;

(b) the cost of the bridges; and

(c) the time by which the same are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The work of construction of bridges on Talporra and Galgibaga rivers has been included in the 8th Five Year Plan. The alignment has been approved and land acquisition completed. Due to paucity of fund, the State Government have been asked to take up the work under B.O.T. Scheme.

Sailja Committee in regard to KVS

3359. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the recommendations of Sailja Committee appointed in 1995 regarding the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) The details of the recommendations accepted and implemented by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). The Sailja Committee made 49 recommendations covering the areas of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan including its management structure, administrative, financial and academic matters and one on monitoring. A copy of the report of the Review Committee including its recommendations is placed in the Parliament Library. Out of the 49 recommendations, 37 have been implemented. Action has already been initiated to implement the remaining 12 recommendations.

Violation of Reservation Rules

3360. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the flagrant violation of the reservation rules by the officials of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, U.P.;

(b) if so, the details of the officials involved;

(c) whether such violation of rules have been widely reported in the newspapers time and again; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ propose to be taken by the Government against those involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected.

Compensation to Gulf Returnees

3361. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any compensation due to Gulf war, is to be paid to any persons hailing from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of the compensation to be paid to Indians, category-wise and State-wise;

(d) the reasons for delay in the payment of compensation; and

(e) the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) We have received 32,704 claims from State of Kerala which have been forwarded to United Nations Compensations Commission (UNCC).

(c) It is the exclusive responsibility of the UNCC to decide the amount of compensation. UNCC is yet to determine the total amount of compensation to be paid to Indians.

(d) and (e). The entire work of evaluating and warding compensation to persons adversely affected by the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait is being handled by the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) which was set up by the UN Security Council for this purpose in 1992. The UNCC is facing acute financial constraints due to UN Security Council's Sanctions against sale of Iraqi oil. Now that UN-Iraq have reached an agreement on the limited sale of oil, we will have to await further decisions by UNCC on the next steps to taken by them. We are regularly in touch with UNCC on this issue.

Negotiations to Buy MIG-AT Aircraft.

3362. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have completed negotiations to buy MIG-AT trainer for Air Force;

(b) if so, whether any final agreement was reached;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the follow up action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Roads in U.P.

3363. SHRI GANGACHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the bad condition of the maintenance of roads in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the corruption prevalent in P.W.D. is the main reasons behind it; and

(c) if so, the number of cases in which the Government have taken action against the corrupt officers so far?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The availability of funds for maintenance and repair have generally been of the order of 50% of the requirements as per norms. The National Highways in Uttar Pradesh are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

(b) and (c). No case of corruptions is reported in the maintenance of National Highways in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

I.S.M. Code

3364. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which I.S.M. code is likely to be accepted by Shipping Corporation of India; and